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Japanese agitators are discrediting their own people. Their cause never had merit.

The Public Works Department will ask for large appropriations, but the total amount of work proposed is not more than the islands need.

Honolulu storms never last long. It is always safe to bank on the bright future of your own town and the speedy clearing up of the clouds.

The Army mule leads one of the advance guards of Honolulu's progress. May his numbers never grow less—unless the local Kona canary is found to be of equal value.

Who could have been Isol's attorney Fleet-week and who got the twelve-dollar-club coin? In matters of legal employment there would appear to be no good cause for secrecy.

The earth is taking quite a period to become well settled after the disturbances of recent years, but there is nothing in fact quite so bad as the prophets who find periods of disaster favorable to their business.

While Secretary of War, Mr. Taft tendered his resignation rather than cease his campaign for free trade for the Philippines. It is not likely that he will allow anything to sidetrack his one desire, after he becomes President.

Japanese laborers given an opportunity to contribute to a high-wage fund, will learn to their sorrow that the whole proposition is a quiet graft in the interest of higher wages for those who would live without working.

With European homesteaders distributed throughout the fields and in the mills of the main industry, an end will be put to the agitator. The European will be attached to the soil, and no man with a home will join in a movement that jeopardizes the prosperity of all.

INCENDIARY AGITATION MUST CEASE.

The law-abiding Japanese residents of this city and throughout the Territory will not only refuse sympathy to vicious agitators for a general hold-up of the sugar plantations that is proposed in the so-called high-wage movement.

They will do more. They should become active in calming the ignorant workmen whom the agitators hope to arouse, and impressing them with the fact that no possible good, only injury and an evil reputation for the Japanese people, can come from the movement originated in this city.

This agitation has not come from the workmen. It is not an appeal to Honolulu for assistance. From the very outset it has been the invention and selfish campaign of a gang of Honolulu men who must make their living off the credulous ones who work with their hands and labor in the fields.

When an agitation, failing to secure prompt and favorable response, leads to incendiary language, it is time for reputable citizens of all nationalities to call a halt. Agitators may smirch the good name of the people for a time but they cannot long prevail.

THE GOVERNOR, THE PEOPLE AND THE LANDS.

Governor Frear's comment on the capacity of the people of Hawaii to deal with their own lands is the feature of the Congressional hearing matter published in this issue, that will probably attract the widest attention.

Senator Foraker put the question direct to the Governor as to the advisability of taking Hawaii's land law constantly to Congress. Why not have them passed upon by the government of Hawaii?

The Governor made the very prompt answer that in his opinion the Territory was not sufficiently advanced for this. His reasons appear to be that under complete local control there would be a too rapid dis-

posal of the public land and possible transfer to aliens and speculators.

The Governor may be half right, but while the laws are being amended, it would be very proper for the power of the executive to be checked. In other words, the dangers from broad executive discretion are as great as those threatening from the members of the Legislature passing laws over to improper persons and wasting the substance of the people.

Apparently the Governor has seen a glimmer of new light since he appeared before the committee. A letter written at a later date and referred to in the Bulletin of Monday announces that a further amendment of the bill has been or will be offered restricting the executive's power of exchanging lands. The commission whose consent the Governor must secure is to be named by the Legislature. This gives the people at least a veto power over the acts of the executive.

Taking the history of this Territory by and large, it will not show that the representatives of the people, the Legislature, has made any greater or more numerous errors than the executive. The public lands might not be wholly safe in the hands of either, but when administered by both, and fairly well safeguarded, the record would not be such that need bring any more blushes of shame to the cheek of the citizen than he has experienced in former years.

One thing is becoming evident in the career of Governor Frear. He has too much confidence in the executive and not enough in the people. This is a common error of Hawaii, and one that we need to get away from if the Territory is to develop on traditional American lines.

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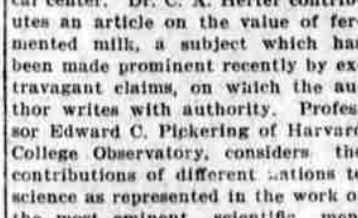
(Special Bulletin Wireless)
Lahaina, Maui, Jan. 12.—There has been no general rain on Maui. The landings are rough.

This telegram from Maui would indicate that the Kona of the last two days has not been as general as supposed. Hawaii got its share of rough weather and heavy rain. But Maui appears to have missed it all.

POPULAR SCIENCE MONTHLY

The Popular Science Monthly for January, which is the first number of the seventy-fourth volume, opens with an article on the career of Herbert Spencer by Professor Lester F. Ward of Brown University. The author, who is the chief authority in America on the subject, gives an account of Spencer's life and work, based on the recent biography, and to some extent on the previously published autobiography, which is especially appropriate, as Herbert Spencer contributed to the Monthly about a hundred articles. This is followed by an elaborately illustrated article by Dr. Charles R. Keyes on the Liliuokalani of the Desert, and later in the number there is a biographical history of botany in St. Louis, by Dr. Perley Spaulding, illustrated with pictures of the botanists who have made St. Louis an important botanical center. Dr. C. A. Herter contributes an article on the value of fermented milk, a subject which has been made prominent recently by extravagant claims, on which the author writes with authority. Professor Edward C. Pickering of Harvard College Observatory, considers the contributions of different nations to science as represented in the work of the most eminent scientific men. Professor Edward Bradford Titchener of Cornell University, treats Charles Darwin's relations to poetry and science, a subject appropriate to the centenary of his birth, now being celebrated throughout the world. Professor E. H. S. Bailey, of the University of Kansas, treats the adulteration of foods by bleaching and dyeing. Professor John J. Stevenson, of New York University, discusses the part played by commercialism in modern life. The number contains two articles on educational subjects, one by Professor Dickenson S. Miller, on "Mr. Roosevelt's Opportunity as President of a University," in which he considers the need of more striking personalities in university chairs, and one by Professor J. McKen Cattell, entitled "The School and the Family," in which he discusses the tendency of the school to break up the family, and suggests a remedy. The subjects treated editorially are: Wolcott Gibbs; Otis Tuton Mason; The H. K. Cushing Laboratory of Western Reserve University; The Conviction Week Meetings at the Johns Hopkins University.

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A TRIP TO THE VOLCANO

BY HERBERT GREEN

We started on the morning of the 5th from Honolulu with a party of six. In the party were my mother and father, Miss Lydia Gibbons, Mrs. Harker of New York, Walter Scribner our chauffeur, and myself.

We started from Honolulu at 12 o'clock and after bidding our friends good-bye sat down to a good, hearty luncheon. We passed the afternoon pleasantly and waited anxiously for the dinner bell to ring. After dinner we sat on deck a little while and retired early.

We arose early the next morning to witness the beautiful scenery. I have traveled all over the United States but have never in all my travels experienced such a sight as when approaching the Island of Hawaii. On arriving at Hilo we waited for our machine to be lowered from the steamer. After a five-minute wait we started off in our machine.

We were directed to the Rainbow Falls and arrived there a little before the stage. It is a very pretty sight, but can't be compared with

the Niagara Falls or the falls in Yellowstone National Park.

We then found the road to the Volcano House and made a record that will hold all automobiles.

We went from Hilo to the Volcano House in 1 hour 27 minutes.

On arriving at the Volcano House we met one of the best and well-known managers in the land, Mr. Demosthenes Lycurgus. We were then given a nice room. After cleaning up, we sat down to a lunch that can't be beat in any part of the United States.

At 2 o'clock we started for the Volcano on horseback. On arriving at the Volcano the most wonderful sight on the whole earth met my eyes. It was a sea of fire, and that is all I can say. No one can express what is seen when you look down about a mile and see a sea of fire. I don't expect to see a sight like it in all my life, and I think that every person that has the opportunity to see it should certainly go.

Hilo, Jan. 7, '09.

JIM HAM LEWIS ORIENTAL MISSION

Ex-Congressman Is Bound To These Waters On Siberia

Ex-Congressman Jim Ham Lewis will arrive in town on the Siberia, the Bulletin cables having announced his departure from San Francisco with several other notables. He is presumed to be on the way to the Orient on a very important mission, as indicated by the following dispatch:

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Dec. 28.—Colonel James Hamilton Lewis, Chicago lawyer and politician, is here en route to the Orient on a secret mission, the nature of which has not yet been disclosed.

According to a Chicago newspaper Colonel Lewis is bound for China and Japan on business for the State Department, armed with letters from President Roosevelt and Secretary Root, the mission being of such secrecy that even Lewis' private secretary was in ignorance of its details.

Officials at the State Department in Washington today declared that, whatever the Colonel's business is, it is not in any way connected with the Government and that the letters from the President and Secretary Root may be merely the usual notes of courtesy introducing him to Far Eastern officials.

Colonel Lewis left Chicago two weeks ago, traveling by way of New Orleans. He will go to San Francisco from here tomorrow and thence to the Orient a few days later.

"I may say," said Colonel Lewis, at the Alexandria today, "that I am not engaged on a mission that is at this time of any immediate importance to the public. It is true that I have some letters from Secretary Root and some others given me by direction of the President, but they are nothing of any public interest. If something develops later in connection with this matter which may be of concern to the American people and it can be made public, I shall be glad to give it to the press."

Colonel Lewis declined to say to whom his letters were addressed or anything regarding their import.

It is believed, however, that matters of very large importance having to deal with the relations between this country and Japan and China have been entrusted to Colonel Lewis.

RATHER STRENUOUS.

"Stop this instant!" exclaimed the old lady as she passed the crowd of bad boys on the lot. "What do you mean by punishing that poor little boy?"

"We ain't punishing him, ma'am," grinned the leader of the gang. "But you are standing him on his head until he is black in the face."

"Dat ain't nuttin'." We are going to give a show in old man Dooley's back yard and we need a black-face comedian."

SLIGHT VARIATION.

Mrs. A.—"When you were first married you used to call your husband 'dear.'"

Mrs. Z.—"Yes, and now I call him 'dear.'"

Mrs. A.—"Gracious, and why?"

Mrs. Z.—"Because he goes to so many stag parties."

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DECIDES RING GAME IS ONE OF CHANCE

Novel Hindu Case Comes Up In Police Court

The cases of a couple of Hindus who were charged with conducting a gambling game, and of a bunch of defendants of various nationalities, who were charged with playing the game, attracted much attention at the session of the Police Court this morning. The players were, for 25 cents, given 22 rings, which they threw at a cloth on which were a number of coins ranging from five-cent pieces to a dollar. If the ring completely surrounded a coin it was given to the player, but, according to the officers who made the arrests, the players' chances were exceedingly slim.

The question was whether this was a game of chance or one of skill; the prosecution taking the view that the former was the case, while the defense insisted that it was a game of skill. The quaint babu-English spoken by one of the Hindus, who was the main witness for the defense, was a novelty in the court, and the way in which he juggled poly-syllables was certainly a wonder. On cross-examination he was asked to try his skill at the game, but although he threw a number of rings, he was not successful.

One of the men running the game claimed that he had called on Chief of Detectives Kalakie, and that he had sanctioned the running of the game, which had subsequently been run openly on the street for twenty-three days, before the arrest was made; but the chief denied having given such permission.

The Court found all the defendants guilty. The two Hindus in charge of the game were fined \$25 each, and the players \$1 each.

SKATING PROPOSAL.

They were skating. "Darling," he whispered, as they reached the end of the silvered lake, "what could be grander than the ring of steel?"

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Every Protected Interest: Yes, yes, revise the tariff, sir; We know it ought to be; But fix the other fellow's thing—We're quite contented, now—Charles R. Barnes in New York World.

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